



# Spring Geocaching Quest

## Frequently Asked Questions

**When I go to the [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) home page, I don't see anything that tells me about this contest. How do I find the coordinates for the caches?**

- In the upper right hand corner of the Geocaching home page, you can search by zip code. The zip codes for each property included in the contest are listed below.
- When you get the list of caches, look for one that is titled "Spring Geocaching Quest: Property Name." For example, "Spring Geocaching Quest: Mounds State Park." There may be several pages of caches for each zip code. (Note: if the list seems too long to sort through, you can also go back to the home page and click on "Advanced Search" in the box at the upper right and search by keyword. Enter the park or reservoir name as the keyword.)
- Click on that link and it will take you to the coordinates and other information for that particular cache. At that location, you will also be able to see bookmarks to all of the other site's "Spring Geocaching Quest" cache information, too.



**How do I find the zip codes for each property included in the contest?**

Beside each property name is its zip code, which you will need to locate the cache information at [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com):

Brookville Lake (47012)	McCormick's Creek (47460)	Raccoon (47872)
Brown County (47448)	Mississinewa (46970)	Salamonie (46702)
Clifty Falls (47250)	Mounds (46017)	Shakamak (47438)
Fort Harrison (46216)	O'Bannon Woods (47112)	Spring Mill (47446)
Indiana Dunes (46304)	Ouabache (46714)	Summit Lake (47362)
J. Edward Roush Lake (46750)	Patoka Lake (47513)	Tippecanoe River (46996)
Lieber SRA (46120)	Pokagon (46703)	Versailles (47042)
Lincoln (47522)	Potato Creek (46554)	Whitewater Memorial (47353)

**How do I get an official gamecard to begin playing?**

The official gamecard can be downloaded off of any Spring Geocaching Quest geocache page at [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com), near the bottom as a jpg file. They can also be accessed as a pdf file on the DNR Interpretive Services website at <http://www.interpretiveservices.in.gov>.

**Many of the properties included in this contest have more than one cache. How do I know which caches on each property are a part of this contest?**

The only cache that counts in this contest is the one called "Spring Geocaching Quest" with the property name listed. For example, "Spring Geocaching Quest: Fort Harrison State Park." You can enjoy each property when you visit and find other caches that have been placed for you to discover by individuals. Remember, these caches can only be placed with a permit from the property manager. We limit the number of caches per site and are careful not to place them in nature preserves or other sensitive areas of the property.

**How do I contact the contest coordinator if I have a question?**

The contest coordinator is Brad Bumgardner, park interpreter at Indiana Dunes State Park. He can be reached by email at [bbumgardner@dnr.in.gov](mailto:bbumgardner@dnr.in.gov) or phone at 219-926-1390.

**When I find one cache, should I send the information to the contest coordinator, or should I wait until I've found as many as I can?**

If you only want to find 5 in a row, send the gamecard in when you complete. If you would like to find as many as you can, and possibly be eligible for the other prizes, keep your card with your geocaching items. Make sure to mail the game card in by July 7, 2008 to Spring Geocaching Quest, c/o Indiana Dunes State Park, 1600 N 25 E, Chesterton, IN 46304. Cards need to have the appropriate stamp for each property marked on the game piece to be eligible for prizes.

**Can I work with a group or do I need to work on my own?**

It is ok to work as a group, but only one \$100 State Park Inn gift card prize will be awarded. All in your group should record names in logbook and report finds to the contest coordinator to be included in drawings for other prizes.

**What if I can't find the cache?**

The caches are small Tupperware like containers (Hint! Hint!) and might occasionally get moved by an animal or a person, as sometimes happens with any cache. If you can't locate the cache during your visit, stop in the property office or nature center and let them know the cache may be missing. You can also contact Brad Bumgardner, the contest coordinator, too. We'll be checking on the caches regularly and make every effort to keep them where they belong!

**What if I find the cache, but the stamp is missing?**

We are doing every thing we can to keep the stamp in the cache, but should it go missing, visit the park office or nature center and let them know. For most parks, a back up stamp is available.

**I found a gift certificate or free tickets in the cache; do I have to trade for them?**

No, the gift certificates from Dick's Sporting Goods and tickets to the Indiana State Museum are free giveaways that have been placed randomly in park contest geocaches. Feel free to take it without trading items of equal value.

